(b) and (c) No such proposal has been received by the Govt.

Gold in coal

122. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD : SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item captioned "Gold in Coal" and "CIL has no authority to crush blackmarketing" which appeared in Telegraph dated the 13th October, 1985; and

(b) if so, what steps Government propose to take in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The required information in respect of the points raised in the news item is being obtained and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Supply of electricity to rural areas

123. SHRI J. P. GOYAL: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state :

(a) whether a high level export committee has been set up to go into the question of improving the supply of electricity to rural areas in the country;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether the committee has since submitted its report to the Government;

(d) if so, the salient features of the recommendations made by the Committee; and

(e) the recommendations which Government have accepted and the steps taken to implement them ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER (SHRI AFRIF MOHD. KHAN): (a) and (b) An Official Committee has been set on to review the performance of the Rural Electrification Programme and the organisational structure of the Rural Electrification Corporation, among other issues.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) and (e) Do not arise.

Import of crude oil

124. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the extent of imports of crude oil and petroleum products from 1st April, 1985 to 31st October, 1985; and

(b) what is the saving expected in the import-bill by reduction in the dollar price ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) The net imports of crude oil and petroleum products from 1st April, 1985 to 30th September, 1985 is given below :—

	Quantity (Million Tonnes)
Crude Oil . . .	7.07
Petroleum Products .	1.24
Total . . .	8.31

(b) The estimated saving in the import will due to variations in the dollar price for the same period of the above net imports is of the order of approximately Rs. 37.2 crores.